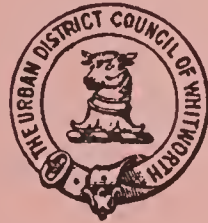


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MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, 1963

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Chairman of the Health Committee:

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COUNCIL OFFICES, WHITWORTH.

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Medical Officer of Health:

A. NELSON PICKLES, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector:

A. DEWHURST, F.F.S., M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., R.S.H.

Cert. Inspector of Meat and other Foods

(Also holds the appointment of Engineer and Surveyor

Additional Public Health Inspector:

N. HELLIWELL, CERT. R.S.H.

Cert. Inspector of Meat and other Foods R.S.H.

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A. T. FENTON, ESQ.

Solicitors to the Council:

HARRY WALKER AND COMPANY.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE WHITWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

In accordance with my statutory duty as your Medical Officer of Health, I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year, 1963.

The contents of this report have been compiled in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/64, dated 13th January, 1964.

Clearance of houses unfit for human habitation is the main public health problem in the district, and will be for years to come. During 1963, seventy-eight unfit houses were officially represented under the Housing Acts. and twelve families were rehoused from these properties.

The Clean Air Act, 1956 has been reasonably implimented at factory premises, but as regards houses, the setting up of Smoke Control Areas will have to be considered.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. NELSON PICKLES,

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births: 150 births (79 males and 71 females) were registered this year; a crude birth rate of 21.2 per thousand of the population. The corrected birth rate, i.e. that rate which would be arrived at if the age and sex constitution of the population of the district was in the same proportion as the rest of England and Wales, is 21.4.

14 births were illegitimate.

There were 4 still births, which gives a still birth rate of 26.0 per 1,000 total births.

The Registrar-General's area comparability factor for the adjustment of the birth rate is 1.01.

Deaths: 110 deaths were registered, of which 44 were males and 64 females.

The crude death rate is 15.3 and the adjusted rate is 17.6 per thousand estimated population. (Registrar-General's comparability factor is 1.15).

Maternal Mortality: It is very gratifying to report once again, that there has been no maternal death in the district.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area: These services are administered by the County Council through No. 13 Divisional Health Committee, on which this Council is represented. Up-to-date details are given in tables I and II of Clinic sessions and Divisional Health Staff serving the Urban District.

TABLE I

CLINIC SESSIONS HELD AT THE SCHOOL CLINIC, MARKET STREET, WHITWORTH.

Minor Ailments :	Tuesdays, 9-30 a.m.—10-30 a.m. Thursdays, 9-30 a.m.—12 noon.
Child Welfare :	Thursdays, 2—4 p.m.
Immunisation and Vaccination :	4th Wednesday in every month, 10-30 a.m.
Ante-natal Session : (Midwives only).	Mondays, 2—4 p.m. (Doctor attends on first) Monday in month).
Chiropody :	Wednesdays, 1-30—4-30 p.m.

TABLE II

DIVISIONAL HEALTH STAFF—WHITWORTH AREA.

Asst. Div. Medical Officer & Sch. Medical Officer.	Dr. J. M. Curtis, School Clinic, Market Street, Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 2381.
Health Visitors & School Nurses.	Miss E. B. Ferguson and Miss N. Thornton, School Clinic, Market Street, Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 3181.
Tuberculosis Health Visitor.	Mrs. M. E. Schofield, The Clinic, Irwell Street, Bacup.
District Nurses.	Mrs. T. R. Hay, 23 Knowsley Crescent, Shawforth. Mrs. C. Bridge, 2, Brenbar Crescent, Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 2177.
Domiciliary Midwives.	Mrs. O. Ashworth, 63 Wallbank Drive, Whitworth. Tel. 2131. Miss M. B. Spencer, 22 Edge- moor Close, Shawforth.
Divisional Welfare Organiser.	Mr. J. H. Todd, Divisional Health Office, 193 Drake Street, Roch- dale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.
Home Help Organiser.	Miss I. Crawford, Divisional Health Offices, 193 Drake Street, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.

Mental Health Worker. Miss J. R. Lambert, Divisional Health Offices, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.

Duly Authorised Officer. Mr. E. B. Williams, Divisional Health Offices, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231. (Outside Office Hours: Tel. Oldham MAIN 5488).

Ambulance Station, Bacup. Station Officer S. C. Kay, Commercial Street, Stacksteads. Tel. Accrington 34834

APPENDIX

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Summary of Statistics : 1963.

Area (Acres)				4483
Population (Census 1951).....				7442
Population (Census 1961).....				7050
Population estimated (Mid 1963).....				7070
Number of inhabited houses (1963).....				2664
Rateable Value				£143,456
Sum represented by a penny rate.....				£598
LIVE BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total	
Legitimate	70	66	136	
Illegitimate	9	5	14	
	—	—	—	
Total	79	71	150	
	—	—	—	
Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated population				21.4
Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of total live births...				9.33
Still Births—Number				4
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births				26.0
Total Live and Still Births				154
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 year)				6
Infant Mortality Rates				
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births.....				40.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births				44.1
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live				
births				Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per				
1,000 total live births				33.3
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week				
per 1,000 total live births)				33.3
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under				
1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births				58.4
Maternal Mortality (including abortion).				
Number of deaths				Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births				Nil
	Male	Female	Total	
Deaths.....	44	64	110	
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population.....				17.6
Deaths from Certain Specified Diseases.				
Diseases of Circulatory System				41
Cancer (all forms)				17
Tuberculosis				Nil
Bronchitis				8

INFANT MORTALITY

Year	No of deaths	Infant Mortality, Rate per 1,000 live births	Quinquennial Rates	
			Year	Rate
1963	6	40.0	59-63	32.6
1962	6	34.9	58-62	33.6
1961	5	38.8	57-61	29.9
1960	5	36.5	56-60	23.7
1959	2	13	55-59	24
1958	5	45	54-58	35
1957	2	16	53-57	31
1956	1	8	52-56	34
1955	5	38	51-55	38
1954	9	69	50-54	40
1953	3	25	49-53	35
1952	4	31	48-52	37
1951	3	27	47-51	38
1950	6	48	46-50	43
1949	5	42	45-49	43
1948	5	35	44-48	48
1947	6	40	43-47	61
1946	7	50	42-46	72
1945	6	50	41-45	75
1944	7	63	40-44	83
1943	13	103	39-43	85
1942	10	94	38-42	82
1941	7	64	37-41	76
1940	9	90	36-40	92
1939	6	76	35-39	90
1938	7	86	34-38	84
1937	4	65		
1936	13	149		
1935	9	75		
1934	5	45		

CAUSES OF DEATH							1962	1963
ALL CAUSES	...	...	...	...	...	...	97	110
Tuberculosis, Respiratory			...	...	...	...	1	—
Tuberculosis, Other		...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Whooping Cough		...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Meningococcal Infections		...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis		...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Infections and Parasitic Diseases				...	...	...	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach			...	...	...	...	3	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus				...	...	...	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	8
Leukæmia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	22
Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	19
Hypertension with Heart Disease		...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Other Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	16
Other Circulatory Disease		...	...	...	...	...	5	1
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	3
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	8
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Ulcers of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhæ	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion		...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	13
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
All Other Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Homicide and Operations of War	1	—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis)

DURING THE YEAR 1963

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Comparison 1953—1963

DISEASE	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953
Small Pox
Scarlet Fever	2	...	1	2	2	...	2	...	3	...
Diphtheria
Enteric Fever
Measles ...	142	20	140	58	74	21	52	119	166	2	104
Whooping Cough ...	5	...	8	17	...	43	2	14	27	8	31
Pneumonia	1	...	...	...	1	...	5	2	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	1	...	...	3	1	1	2
Dysentery	4	...	...	...	16	...	1	...	...	5
Meningococcal Infection	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gastro Enteritis	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Polio-myelitis	1	...	1
Chicken Pox
Totals ...	147	26	149	78	79	82	55	139	200	16	150

INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Monthly Incidence, 1963

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DISEASE	TOTAL	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APL.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Small Pox ...													
Scarlet Fever ...													
Diphtheria ...													
Measles ...	142	57	15	55	4				2	5		1	3
Whooping Cough ...	5									4			1
Pneumonia ...													
Erysipelas ...													
Puerperal Pyrexia ...													
Opthalmia													
Neonatorum													
Meningococcal Infection													
Chicken Pox ...													
Food Poisoning ...													
Dysentery ...													
Poliomyelitis ...													
TOTALS ...	147	57	15	55	4				2	9		1	4

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1963.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5—14 „ .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15—24 „ .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
25—44 „ .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
45—64 „ .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and over .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Age Unknown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2		0		0		0	
	2				0			
Total 1962 ...	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
	3		0		1		0	

Public Health Inspector's Annual Report

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Whitworth.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. TIERNEY AND GENTLEMEN :

I have pleasure in presenting to you my first Annual Report which covers the year ending 31st December, 1963.

My predecessor, Mr. H. L. Field, was responsible for the first seven months of the period, leaving at the end of July to take up an appointment with Holywell U.D.C.

The year has been one of steady progress. 78 unfit houses were dealt with, Compulsory Purchase Orders being made in respect of 62, Demolition Orders in respect of 13 and Closing Orders in respect of 3 houses.

Two factories changed to oil-fired boilers during the year. Now most of the pollution of the atmosphere comes from the domestic chimneys, which can easily be seen on a quiet autumn evening.

An effort is being made to raise the standard of food hygiene in shops and other food premises. This is one field in which the general public can help by reporting any unhygienic practices which they observe and refusing to accept "second best" as regards food handling.

I wish to express my thanks for the assistance given to me by your other officials and members of my staff and for the support and encouragement received from the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

A. DEWHURST,

Engineer, Surveyor and Senior P.H.I.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

39 Informal Notices and 5 Statutory Notices for the abatement of nuisances and the remedy of sanitary defects in and around dwellings were served on owners and occupiers. Much of this work has been expedited by the use of the Public Health Act, 1961.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

Number of premises visited	1,880
Number of Sanitary Defects found	124
Number of Sanitary defects remedied.....	109
Food premises inspected	71
Factories inspected	18
Rodent Control	27
Meat Inspection	106

SANITARY DEFECTS FOUND.

Houses :

Defective roofs	9
Defective rain water pipes	8

General :

Choked drainage	13
Defective drainage	8
Defective sanitary accommodation buildings	1
Choked water closets	16
Inadequate water supply	26
Perished plaster	4
Offensive accumulations	6
Defective chimneys	2
Defective sinks	3
Inoperative cisterns	7
Choked waste water closets.....	5
Broken water closets.....	2
Non-weatherproof walls	2
Defective doors	5
Defective window frames	4
Dirty houses	2
Infestations of rats	3

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

A. Sanitary Inspection of the Area

Water Supply

The water supply to the area is mainly satisfactory, being provided by the Rochdale Corporation, and the majority of the houses have a supply of water that is wholly sufficient and good in quality.

The water is collected from upland surface gathering grounds and afterwards treated by modern methods of filtration and chlorination.

18 samples of the public water supply and 9 samples of private supplies were taken during 1963 and submitted for bacteriological examination. All were reported satisfactory, with the exception of 4 from private supplies.

15 samples were submitted for chemical analysis and satisfactory reports were received.

The number of dwelling houses supplied from public mains is 2,581 and 83 houses have supplies drawn from private sources.

Public Cleansing

Household refuse is collected on a weekly basis from all the houses in the area and approximately 2,474 dustbins are emptied. 89 dustbins were replaced during the year under the Council's scheme.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping methods for land reclamation purposes at Springside. It is anticipated that this site will be a future playing field.

The weekly collection and disposal of refuse has been satisfactorily maintained throughout the year, although with the coming into occupation of new houses set well back from the highway, with the longer carry of dustbins to the kerb the collection staff are working at full pressure. The paper sack has been introduced at new houses in place of the dustbin as an aid to speeding collection and as a means of offsetting this longer carry.

Details of the cost of collection and disposal of household refuse are as follows (including provision of new dustbins and collection of night-soil).

Loads removed	656
Cost per load	£9 18s. 7d.
Refuse in tons (estimated)	3616
Cost per ton	£1 16s. 0d.
Number of houses and premises.....	2940
Cost per house and premises per annum	£2 5s. 8d.
Average length of haul	1½ miles

Sanitary Accommodation

The sanitary accommodation of the area is as follows:—

Fresh Water Closets.....	2296
Waste Water Closets.....	121
Pail Closets.....	33
No. of houses on the Water Carriage system	2514

The Pail Closets existing are situated at the following premises :—

Dwelling-houses	22
Mills and Workshops	1
Farms	10

With very few exceptions they cannot be converted to the fresh water carriage system, in view of the fact that they are situated in outlying parts where no sewer is available.

Although the Council encourage the conversion of waste water closets to the fresh water carriage system, progress is slow and there is no authority for compulsory conversion.

Referring to the sanitary accommodation generally, there are numerous blocks of houses where the occupiers of the dwellings have to walk distances of 20 or 30 yards down the street to the sanitary accommodation, this being jointly used by two or more families. Unfortunately, this state of affairs cannot be quickly improved at the present as most of the houses concerned are of a type which will be subject to demolition or re-conditioning within the next few years. The Housing Act 1964 should help with speeding up the re-conditioning of many suitable houses.

Atmospheric Pollution

The volumetric sulphur dioxide and smoke recorder installed at the Council Offices has produced a daily record of some of the pollutants in the air. The readings compared favourably with those of the other local authorities in the Manchester conurbation, probably because of the winds that blow over the surrounding moors.

Two more factories have changed to oil-fired boilers and a noticeable improvement can be seen as a result of conversions carried out in the last few years.

Rodent Control

The main sewers were treated once during the year, using suspended muslin bags of poison bait.

A trained rodent operative is employed on a part-time basis for dealing with these treatments, and a charge is made for work when engaged on industrial and farm premises.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY		
	Non-Agricultural		Agricul- tural
	Dwelling Houses	All Other	
Number of properties in district	2649	701	33
Number of Properties Inspected	23	29	3
Total Inspections (incl. Re-Inspections)	328	45	3
Number of Properties found infested by:			
Rats—Major		3	
Minor	11	22	
Mice—Major	3	1	
Minor	16	5	
Number of Infested properties treated	30	31	

B. Housing

The district has unfortunately, many sub-standard houses. There were last year nearly 500 houses of the back-to-back type and 100 of the back-to-earth type. Many of them are incapable of improvement and will be dealt with in slum clearance schemes. Of these 78 were dealt with this year by Compulsory Purchase for demolition or by Demolition Order.

HOUSING STATISTICS

(a) NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR.

	Houses	Flats
1. By the Local Authority.....	4	Nil
2. By Other Local Authorities	Nil	Nil
3. By Other Bodies or Persons	8	Nil

(b) UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	329
(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	633
(2) Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit :—	
(a) Number found during year	78
(b) Number (or estimated number) at end of year.....	86
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	18

2. Houses Demolished.

In clearance areas—

(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	12
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc. ...	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act 1957	Nil

Not in clearance areas.

(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act 1937	7
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3. Unfit Houses Closed.

(1) Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act 1957.....	3
(2) Under Section 17(3) and 26 Housing Act 1957	Nil
(3) Parts of building closed under Section 18 Housing Act 1957	Nil

4. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	...	By Owner	By L.A
(1) After information action by Local Authority	32	—	—
(2) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts	3	—	—
(b) Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
(3) Under Section 24, 9 and 16 Housing Act 1957.....	—		

5. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act 1957).

Position at end of year.

(1) Retained for temporary accommodation.	
(a) Under Section 48.....	Nil
(b) Under Section 17(2)	Nil
(c) Under Section 46.....	Nil
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	Nil

6. Purchase of houses by agreement.

Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed clearance orders or compulsory purchase orders, purchased during the year	4
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7. Housing Act 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958—Improvement Grants, etc.

Action during year.

	Private bodies or Individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of Schemes	No. of Dwelling Houses or other Buildings affected	No. of Schemes	No. of Dwelling Houses or other Buildings affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	4	4	—	—
(b) Approved by local authority	4	4	—	—
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry.....	—	—	1	2
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	—	—	1	2
(e) Work completed.....	4	4	1	2
(f) Additional Separate dwellings included in (d) above.	—	—	—	—

(g) Any other action taken under the Act. Nil

8. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959—Standard Grants. Action during year: No. of dwellings or other buildings affected

(a) Applications submitted to local authority ...	21
Applications approved by local authority ...	21
Work completed	21

C. Meat and Food Inspection

Slaughterhouses Act, 1954.

Food and Drugs Act, 1957.

During the year all the animals slaughtered in the district have been examined. Particulars of carcasses inspected and amounts condemned are shown below.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle exclud'g Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed.....	48	105	2	245	63	—
Number inspected	48	105	2	245	63	—
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBER- CULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI.						
Whole carcase condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ...	1	5	—	3	—	—
Percentage of number inspected	2.08	4.76	—	1.27	—	—
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.						
Whole carcase condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis...	—	—	—	—	—	—
CYSTICEROSIS.						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—

WEIGHT OF CARCASSES AND ORGANS FOUND TO BE UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

All diseases except Tuberculosis	183 lbs.
Tuberculosis only	Nil
Total	183 lbs

Slaughterhouses

There is only one private slaughterhouse licenced in the district and regular inspections are carried out. The premises which have recently been re-modelled and brought up to modern standards, are maintained and conducted in a satisfactory manner.

The majority of the animals slaughtered in the district are for consumption in the district.

Slaughtermen's Licences

During the year 12 persons were licensed as slaughtermen.

Food and Drugs Act 1955 — *Section 16*

24 routine visits were made during the year to the 26 premises in the district registered for the sale of ice-cream. 27 inspections were made of premises registered for the manufacture of sausage and cooked meats

Food and Drugs Acts, 1955 — *Sampling*

The provision of the above Acts, so far as they relate to the sampling of food for nature, substance and quality are administered by the Lancashire County Council in co-operation with the Local Authority. The following figures were kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health.

A total of 25 samples were obtained, of these 18 were of milk and the 7 others comprised:—

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Barley | |
| 1 Olive Oil B.P. | 1 Calomine Lotion B.P. |
| 1 Blancmange Powder | 1 Camphorated Oil |
| 1 Sweets | |
| 1 Canned Fish | |

With the exceptions of the four samples detailed below all were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine:—

<i>Type</i>	<i>Result of Analysis</i>	<i>Action taken</i>
1 Milk	Freezing point indicated 2.1 % extraneous water	Vendor Cautioned
3 Milk	Two samples contained 0.3 and one sample 0.2 international units antibiotic per ml.	Farmers inter- viewed and Milk Marketing Board informed.

Food Shops

There are 113 premises from which food is sold in the district.

General Grocers and Provision Dealers	38
Greengrocers and Fruiterers (inc. Wet fish)	10
Meat Shops	10
Bakers and Confectioners	10
Fried Fish Shops.....	9
Sugar Confectionery, Minerals, Ice Cream, etc.	8
Licensed Premises, Clubs, etc.	28

Food Inspection

Visits were made during the year to inspect foodstuffs at various premises and condemnation certificates were issued for the following:—

Canned cooked chicken.....	19 lbs.
Frozen Eggs	14 lbs.

**PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961**

**PART 1 OF THE ACT—1—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES
INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers prosecuted (4)
SECTION I: Factories in which Sections I, II, III, IV and VI are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	2
SECTION II: Factories not included in (I) in which Section VII is enforced by the Local Authority ...	16	3	...
SECTION III: Other premises in which Section VII is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)
Total ...	18	3	...

2—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of defects			Number of offences in respect of which prosecutions were instituted (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (4)	
Want of cleanliness ...	...	...	...	...
Overcrowding ...	...	...	...	...
Unreasonable temperature ...	...	...	...	...
Ineffective drainage of floors	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Accommodation:				
insufficient ...	3	3	1	...
unsuitable or defective ...	...	...	...	...
inadequate ventilation ...	...	...	...	...
want of cleanliness ...	...	...	...	...
not separate for sexes ...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences against the Act	...	...	...	...
Total ...	3	3	1	...

PART VIII OF THE ACT—OUTWORKERS : Nil

Sewage Works

The Sewage Works have been operating satisfactorily, and all samples of effluent with one exception, have been reported as satisfactory by the Mersey River Board.

Difficulty has been experienced for some time in obtaining a satisfactory operation of the percolating filters and in the drying and disposal of sludge. A firm of Consulting Engineers has been engaged to prepare a report upon the works as a whole and at the time of writing this report is being considered. The satisfactory disposal of sludge is becoming a pressing need due to lack of adequate means of drying.

